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West Nile Virus Update #1 **July 6, 2004**

Note to news editors and reporters: This is a weekly media advisory to provide updated information about West Nile virus activity in North Dakota. Updates will be sent every Tuesday afternoon throughout the WNV season.

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health today reported that eight additional birds have tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV). This brings to 20 the total number of birds in North Dakota identified with West Nile virus infection in 2004.

Of the eight newly identified birds, two were dead birds collected in Cass County. The others were live birds identified in the following counties: Billings (two birds), Divide (one bird) and Hettinger (three birds).

The following is a summary of West Nile virus activity to date:

- Human cases – 0
 - Total humans tested – 107
- WNV-positive dead birds – 3
 - Total dead birds tested – 103
- WNV-positive live birds – 17
 - Total live birds tested – 220
- Counties with birds identified with WNV infection – 7
 - Billings, Cass, Divide, Golden Valley, Grant, Hettinger, Williams
- WNV-positive horses – 0
 - Total horses tested – 10
- WNV-positive mosquitoes pools – 0
 - Total mosquitoes pools tested – 0

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